

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:	)	
Koji ABE et al.	)	Confirmation No.: 9363
Application No. 10/593,231	)	Examiner: Laura S. Weiner
Filed: September 18, 2006	)	Group Art Unit: 1795
For: NONAQUEOUS ELECTROLYTIC	)	
SOLUTION FOR LITHIUM	)	
SECONDARY BATTERY	)	

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

**Mailstop: Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed May 22, 2009, Applicants respond as follows:

**REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action mailed May 22, 2009, Applicants hereby elect without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-11, drawn to an electrolytic solution comprising a tert-alkylbenzene compound. As a result, claim 12 is withdrawn.

Applicants further elect a benzene compound having a benzene ring substituted with a hydrocarbon group having 1-4 carbon atoms via at least one tertiary carbon atom is sec-butylbenzene and/or isopropylbenzene, as recited in claim 2. Claims 1 and 11 are designated as generic to the species.

Consideration and allowance of the instant application are now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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